BEFORE THE MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:))
BRADLEY ALLEN JACKSON M.D.) File No. 800-2016-020514
Physician's and Surgeon's) •
Certificate No. A115326	
Respondent)

DECISION

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted as the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on May 23, 2019.

IT IS SO ORDERED April 23, 2019.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

Ronald H. Lewis M.D.

Ronald H. Lewis, M.D., Chair

Panel A

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13	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 800-2016-020514
14	BRADLEY ALLEN JACKSON, M.D. 101 East Valencia Mesa Drive	OAH No. 2018090377
15	Fullerton, CA 92835	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
16	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 115326,	DISCIPLINARY ORDER
17	Respondent.	
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20	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGR	EED by and between the parties to the above-
21	entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:	
22	<u>PARTIES</u>	
23	1. Kimberly Kirchmeyer ("Complainant") is the Executive Director of the Medical	
24	Board of California ("Board"). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is	
25	represented in this matter by Xavier Becerra, Attorney General of the State of California, by	
26	Rebecca L. Smith, Deputy Attorney General.	
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- 2. Respondent Bradley Allen Jackson, M.D. ("Respondent") is represented in this proceeding by attorney Raymond J. McMahon, whose address is 5440 Trabuco Road Irvine, California 92620.
- 3. On or about January 5, 2011, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 115326 to Respondent. That license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 800-2016-020514, and will expire on September 30, 2020, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

- 4. Accusation No. 800-2016-020514 was filed before the Board, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on August 14, 2018. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.
- 5. A copy of Accusation No. 800-2016-020514 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 6. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2016-020514. Respondent has also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 7. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 8. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

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CULPABILITY

- 9. Respondent does not contest that, at an administrative hearing, Complainant could establish a prima facie case with respect to the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2016-020514 and that he has thereby subjected his license to disciplinary action.
- 10. Respondent agrees that his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate is subject to discipline and he agrees to be bound by the imposition of discipline by the Board as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

CONTINGENCY

- 11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Medical Board of California. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Medical Board of California may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or his counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 12. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format ("PDF") and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including PDF and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

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DISCIPLINARY ORDER

A. <u>PUBLIC REPRIMAND</u>.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 115326 issued to Respondent Bradley Allen Jackson, M.D. is publicly reprimanded pursuant to California Business and Professions Code section 2227, subdivision (a)(4). This Public Reprimand, which is issued in connection with Respondent's care and treatment of Patient 1 as set forth in Accusation No. 800-2016-020514, is as follows:

You committed acts constituting negligence in violation of Business and Professions Code section 2234, subdivision (b), in your interpretation of patient 1's August 19, 2015 CT scan of the chest, abdomen and pelvis, as set forth in Accusation No. 800-2016-020514.

B. EDUCATION COURSE. Within sixty (60) calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee for its prior approval educational program(s) or course(s) which shall not be less than twenty (20) hours. The educational program(s) or course(s) shall be aimed at correcting any areas of deficient practice or knowledge and shall be Category I certified. The educational program(s) or course(s) shall be at Respondent's expense and shall be in addition to the Continuing Medical Education ("CME") requirements for renewal of licensure. Following the completion of each course, the Board or its designee may administer an examination to test Respondent's knowledge of the course. Respondent shall provide proof of attendance for twenty (20) hours of CME in satisfaction of this condition.

Respondent shall submit a certification of successful completion to the Board or its designee not later than fifteen (15) calendar days after successfully completing the educational program(s) or course(s), or not later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the effective date of the Decision, whichever is later.

If Respondent fails to enroll, participate in, or successfully complete the educational program(s) or course(s) within the designated time period, Respondent shall receive a notification ///

1	from the Board or its designee to cease the practice of medicine within three (3) calendar days		
2	after being so notified. Respondent shall not resume the practice of medicine until enrollment or		
3.	participation in the educational program(s) or course(s) has been completed. Failure to		
4	successfully complete the educational program(s) or course(s) outlined above shall constitute		
5	unprofessional conduct and is grounds for further disciplinary action.		
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7	<u>ACCEPTANCE</u>		
8.	I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully		
9	discussed it with my attorney, Raymond J. McMahon. I understand the stipulation and the effect		
10	it will have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. Lenter into this Stipulated Settlement		
11,	and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the		
12	Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California.		
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14	DATED: 2/21/19 Calltalenger wo		
15	BRADLEY ALLENJACKSON, M.D. Respondent		
16	I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Bradley Allen Jackson, M.D. the terms		
17	and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary		
8	Order. I approve its form and content.		
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20	DATED: 2/23/19 16 1997		
21	RAYMOND J. MCMAHON		
22	Attorney for Respondent		
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ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Medical Board of California.

Respectfully submitted,

XAVIER BECERRA Attorney General of California JUDITH T. ALVARADO Supervising Deputy Attorney General

Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant

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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 800-2016-020514

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12	BRADLEY ALLEN JACKSON, M.D.	ACCUSATION
13	101 East Valencia Mesa Drive Fullerton, California 92835	
14	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate	
15	No. A 115326,	
16	Respondent.	
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18	Complainant alleges:	
19	PART	TIES .
20	Kimberly Kirchmeyer ("Complainant	") brings this Accusation solely in her official
21	capacity as the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer	
22	Affairs ("Board").	
23	2. On or about January 5, 2011, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's	
24	Certificate Number A 115326 to Bradley Allen Jackson, M.D. ("Respondent"). That license wa	
25	in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on	
26	September 30, 2018, unless renewed.	
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JURISDICTION

- 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.
 - 4. Section 2004 of the Code states:
 - "The board shall have the responsibility for the following:
- "(a) The enforcement of the disciplinary and criminal provisions of the Medical Practice

 Act.
 - "(b) The administration and hearing of disciplinary actions.
- "(c) Carrying out disciplinary actions appropriate to findings made by a panel or an administrative law judge.
- "(d) Suspending, revoking, or otherwise limiting certificates after the conclusion of disciplinary actions.
- "(e) Reviewing the quality of medical practice carried out by physician and surgeon certificate holders under the jurisdiction of the board.
 - "(f) Approving undergraduate and graduate medical education programs.
- "(g) Approving clinical clerkship and special programs and hospitals for the programs in subdivision (f).
 - "(h) Issuing licenses and certificates under the board's jurisdiction.
 - "(i) Administering the board's continuing medical education program."
 - 5. Section 2227 of the Code states:
- "(a) A licensee whose matter has been heard by an administrative law judge of the Medical Quality Hearing Panel as designated in Section 11371 of the Government Code, or whose default has been entered, and who is found guilty, or who has entered into a stipulation for disciplinary action with the board, may, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter:
 - "(1) Have his or her license revoked upon order of the board.
- "(2) Have his or her right to practice suspended for a period not to exceed one year upon order of the board.

- "(3) Be placed on probation and be required to pay the costs of probation monitoring upon order of the board.
- "(4) Be publicly reprimanded by the board. The public reprimand may include a requirement that the licensee complete relevant educational courses approved by the board.
- "(5) Have any other action taken in relation to discipline as part of an order of probation, as the board or an administrative law judge may deem proper.
- "(b) Any matter heard pursuant to subdivision (a), except for warning letters, medical review or advisory conferences, professional competency examinations, continuing education activities, and cost reimbursement associated therewith that are agreed to with the board and successfully completed by the licensee, or other matters made confidential or privileged by existing law, is deemed public, and shall be made available to the public by the board pursuant to Section 803.1."
 - 6. Section 2234 of the Code states:

"The board shall take action against any licensee who is charged with unprofessional conduct. In addition to other provisions of this article, unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- "(a) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of this chapter.
 - "(b) Gross negligence.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Gross Negligence)

7. Respondent Bradley Allen Jackson, M.D. is subject to disciplinary action under section 2234, subdivision (b), of the Code, in that he engaged in gross negligence in his interpretation of Patient 1's August 19, 2015 CT scan of the chest, abdomen and pelvis. The circumstances are as follows:

¹ For privacy purposes, the patient in this Accusation is referred to as Patient 1, with the identity of the patient disclosed to Respondent in discovery.

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- 8. Patient 1, a then 69-year-old male, had a history of renal cell cancer. On August 19, 2015, he underwent a CT scan of the chest, abdomen and pelvis.
- 9. Respondent reviewed and interpreted the August 19, 2015 CT scan of the chest, abdomen and pelvis. Respondent was aware that the patient had a past medical history of renal cell cancer and that the August 19, 2015 CT examination was a surveillance study specifically looking for possible residual or recurrent/metastatic disease. In his report, Respondent noted that the patient had a history of renal cell cancer and that he compared the August 19, 2015 CT scan to the patient's February 17, 2015 CT scan.
 - 10. With respect to his findings, Respondent noted the following in his report:

"The heart is normal in size. No significant pericardial effusion is seen. The aorta and pulmonary artery are normal in caliber. No mediastinal, hilar or axillar adenopathy is seen. A calcified granuloma is present in the lungs. No pulmonary masses or nodules are seen. There are dependent atelectatic changes. No consolidation or effusion is seen. The liver is mildly low in density. The spleen contains calcifications consistent with prior granulomatous disease. The gallbladder pancreas and right adrenal gland are unremarkable. The left kidney is absent. The left adrenal gland may also be absent. Within the superior pole of the right kidnéy again noted is a 1.9 x 1.6 x 1.4 cm mass which contains fat. The mass does have enhancing portions. Findings are stable compared to prior examination dating back to November 14, 2013. The right kidney also contains a 4.2 cm cyst and additional smaller cysts. There is minimal right hydronephrosis. The large and small bowel are normal in caliber. Mild sigmoid diverticulosis is present without inflammation. The urinary bladder and prostate are unremarkable. No free air or free fluid is seen. Again noted are small nonspecific retroperitoneal lymph nodes which are stable. No new or enlarged nodes are identified. No mesenteric or pelvic adenopathy is seen."

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 11. With respect to his impression, Respondent noted the following in his report:

"Status post left nephrectomy. Small retroperitoneal lymph nodes, stable. No evidence of metastatic disease. Stable 1.9 cm right renal upper pole fat-containing mass with mild enhancement, stable from examination dating back to November 14, 2013, most suggestive of an angiomyolipoma, less likely malignancy. Hepatic steatosis. Mild sigmoid diverticulosis without inflammation."

- 12. Respondent's report reflects that he dictated it on August 19, 2015 at 1637 hours and that he electronically signed it that same day at 1643 hours.
- 13. In January 2016, Patient 1 next sought medical evaluation for increasing right pelvic/groin pain which had been present at the time of the August 19, 2015 CT scan but had significantly worsened over the subsequent 5-month interval. A diagnostic ultrasound was performed on January 27, 2016 for a possible inguinal hernia. The ultrasound showed no evidence of an inguinal hernia but did show a large soft tissue mass corresponding to the site of his clinical symptoms.
- 14. Based upon the ultrasound findings and progressive clinical symptoms of pain, a CT examination of the pelvis was performed on February 15, 2016 at which time a soft tissue mass arising from the right superior pubic ramus, measuring approximately 5.8 x 4.5 cm, was identified. The radiologist, Dr. CH, compared the February 15, 2016 CT scan to the patient's August 19, 2015 CT scan. Dr. CH determined that the same mass had been present on the August 19, 2015 CT scan and measured 3.5 x 2.8 cm at the time. The mass had not been reported in Respondent's August 19, 2015 report.
- 15. Following the discovery of the recurrent/metastatic renal cell carcinoma, Patient 1 underwent further renal cell cancer therapy options and treatments.
- 16. The standard of medical practice for radiologists in California interpreting CT scans requires that the radiologist take the available clinical history along with any relevant prior medical imaging and scrutinize the tasked study. Further, the radiologist is required to report all relevant findings related to the recognized patient diagnosis as well as report any additional radiological findings that may be of current or future clinical significance.

- 17. The second most common site for renal cell carcinoma metastases is to bone, which necessitates additional specific scrutiny for such potential lesions when interpreting surveillance CT scans.
- 18. Respondent failed to identify and report the critical value finding of a large and easily visible mass arising from the right superior pubic ramus bone at the time he reviewed the patient's August 19, 2015 CT scan of the chest, abdomen and pelvis.
- 19. Even if Respondent was not made aware of the clinical symptoms of right groin pain, the mass lesion then measuring 3.5×2.8 cm was readily visible on a superficial scrutiny of the imaging. Further, when compared to the mirror image anatomy of the normal left superior pubic ramus seen on the same anatomic level image slices, the mass lesion then measuring 3.5×2.8 cm was readily visible on a superficial scrutiny of the imaging.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Medical Board of California issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number A 115326, issued to Bradley Allen Jackson, M.D.;
- 2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Bradley Allen Jackson, M.D.'s authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;
- 3. Ordering Bradley Allen Jackson, M.D., if placed on probation, to pay the Board the costs of probation monitoring; and
 - 4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: August 14, 2018

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Executive Director

Medical Board of California

Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California

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